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## Standards Interpretation Committee: Questions and Answers Regarding National Standards for Organic Agriculture

### LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION

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Below are proposed answers to questions, raised by organic stakeholders, regarding livestock production under the National Standards for Organic Agriculture. All comments regarding these answers should be sent to [OPR.RPB@inspection.gc.ca](mailto:OPR.RPB@inspection.gc.ca)

#### **Q7 Can uncertified garlic be used as a de-wormer in organic livestock operations?**

This standard does not prohibit the use of uncertified garlic as a de-wormer in the event that certified garlic is not commercially available (Reference, 6.7.9 b).

#### **Q23: Is the use of fish oil as medical treatment (to treat bloat) prohibited? Are fish based animal health tonics prohibited?**

A23: Fish oil and fish based health products are allowed as veterinary medicinal substances under 6.7.6 c.

#### **Q24: Can slaughter animals (intended for meat) receive two treatments per year of prohibited treatments and maintain certification?**

A24: 6.7.9 indicates that there shall be only one treatment for slaughter animals under a year and a maximum of two treatments for total lifetime of slaughter animals.

#### **Q25: What is the definition of “dairy animal” under the standard?**

A25: A dairy animal is any animal in a herd that produces milk for human consumption.

**Q30: Is de-horning paste allowed?**

A30: Yes, dehorning paste is acceptable under section 6.7.6 d.